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Applicants: A. Aguzzi, *et al.*

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THERAPEUTICS FOR TRANSMISSIBLE  
SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY AND  
METHODS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF  
NON-INFECTIVE BLOOD PRODUCTS  
AND TISSUE DERIVED PRODUCTS.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Appeal of A. Aguzzi, *et al.*, for "DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTICS FOR TRANSMISSABLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY AND METHODS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NON-INFECTIVE BLOOD PRODUCTS AND TISSUE DERIVED PRODUCTS", Serial No. 09/554,567, filed September 1, 2000.

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated  
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